



Saint Matthew CATHOLIC CHURCH

DEEPENING OUR CATHOLIC FAITH TOGETHER

SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 + TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

POP QUIZ:

If your brother sins
against you, how
often must you
forgive him?

SOURCE: Jesus Christ

- A) Zero times
- B) Seven times
- C) Seventy times

Listen to the Gospel for the answer.

MASS SCHEDULE

MASS

Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri. | 8 a.m.
Wed. | 7 p.m. (Adoration at 6 p.m.)
Saturday Vigil | 5 p.m.
Sunday | 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m.

CONFESSION

Wednesday | 6 - 6:50 p.m.
Saturday | 4 - 4:45 p.m.

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PARISH NEWS



**Saint Matthew
Catholic Church**

LITURGY SCHEDULE (SEPTEMBER 18-24, 2023)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Souls in Purgatory
 - 1 Tm 2:1-8
 - Lk 7:1-10

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Shirley Kraayvanger
 - 1 Tm 3:1-13
 - Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- 7:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ Thomas Shaughnessy
 - 1 Tm 3:14-16
 - Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Patrick Guyton
- 6:00 p.m. Mass
- ✠ For all founding members of Saint Matthew parish
 - Wis 3:1-9
 - Eph 4:1-7, 11-13
 - Mt 9:9-13

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- ✠ Carmen Barkofske
 - 1 Tm 6:2c-12
 - Lk 8:1-3

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

- 5:00 p.m. Saturday Vigil Mass
- ✠ Mikayla Yopp Honeycutt
- 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- ✠ For the People of Saint Matthew
 - 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass
 - ✠ Steven Bushard
 - Is 55:6-9
 - Phil 1:20c-24, 27a
 - Mt 20:1-16a

- ✠ **Special Intention**
- ✠ *May they rest in peace*

SAINT MATTHEW FEAST DAY CELEBRATION - THIS THURSDAY



Join us for the Saint Matthew Feast Day Celebration & Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, September 21! In honor of our patron's feast day, we will celebrate Mass at 6 p.m. (with incense), followed by a spaghetti dinner in the Cohan-Hansom Building. Meals will cost \$10/plate and \$40/family. All members of the Saint Matthew community are invited to attend and spend time in fellowship together. Visit bit.ly/smcfeastdaydinner to place your meal order today.

THE TROOPS OF SAINT GEORGE RAFFLE

The Troops of Saint George are kicking off their first year at Saint Matthew with a raffle! All parishioners are invited to join us for an exciting opportunity to support the Troops and win big. The grand prize winner will take home half a cow's worth of local, organic, grass-fed beef from Maryvale Farms and a brand new nine-cubic-foot freezer to keep it fresh. The second-prize winner will receive a \$200 gift card to Sperry's Restaurant. Third will receive a \$75 gift card to Tailgate Brewery, and fourth will receive a Troops of Saint George rosary. Tickets will go on sale next weekend for \$25 each. Your generous support will help support the Troops and provide memorable experiences for its members. Join us in promoting faith, family, and fatherhood while savoring the taste of success! For questions, please email Eric Ruppaner at tsg@stmatthewtn.org.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

- FOR THE WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 -

PARISH, VISITORS, ACH WITHDRAWALS, ONLINE GIVING, AND LOOSE CASH	\$21,046
SECOND COLLECTION: CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY	\$325

THIS WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Society of St. Vincent de Paul

NEXT WEEK'S SECOND COLLECTION: Solidarity

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ONLINE GIVING PAGE:

www.stmatthewtn.org/church/giving



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SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE

The Seven Sisters Apostolate needs women who would commit to offering a weekly holy hour for our parish pastor. The commitment of each intercessor is to the day of the week versus a particular hour on a particular day. You would pray the hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration or in front of a tabernacle. This may be prayed at any parish. If there is a time you cannot do your Hour you may arrange a substitute (including men). If you are interested in joining the apostolate, visit bit.ly/smcsevensisters to complete the interest form. For questions, contact Susan Ruigh at susanruigh@protonmail.com or (402) 499-6724.

WAY OF THE CROSS PRAYER GROUP

Meditating on Jesus' passion and death is not only limited to the Lenten season. As Catholics, we are invited to join Jesus on his walk to Calvary throughout the year. All are invited to join us in the church on the last Sunday of the month to study, contemplate and meditate on the Stations of the Cross. If you are interested in participating in this prayer group, please visit bit.ly/smcwayofthecross to complete the interest form. For questions, please contact Pam Fleckenstein at spflecken@comcast.net.

KofC YOUTH SOCCER CHALLENGE

All boys and girls ages nine to 14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition on Sunday, October 1 for the Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge. The local competition will be held at the Saint Mathew School soccer field at 12:30 p.m. The Knights of Columbus Soccer Challenge is sponsored annually, with winners progressing through regional and state competitions. All boys and girls ages nine to 14 are eligible to participate and will compete in their respective age divisions. Entry forms are available at the school office. For additional information, please email kofc12012@gmail.com.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
NEWS AND INFORMATION FROM
SAINT MATTHEW.

www.stmatthewtn.org

THANK YOU FROM THE WOMEN'S CLUB!

Our Women's Club co-captains Connie Vargas and Cynthia Myers would like to thank all of the women who came out to our first meeting last week! A great time was had by all. If you didn't get the chance to attend, there are still a few copies of the book for October's Book Club & Blind Book Exchange. For your copy, call the church office or contact Cynthia at cmyers@stmatthewtn.org.

SAINT MATTHEW SPEAKER SERIES



Join us for the next installment of the Saint Matthew Speaker Series featuring Dr. James Pauley, professor of Theology and Catechetics at Franciscan University of Steubenville. In

honor of the year of Eucharistic Revival, both of his talks will be centered on the Eucharist. His first talk on Wednesday, October 4 is titled "How does the Eucharist revive us?" The second talk on Thursday, October 5 is titled "How can we better encounter God at Mass?" Both talks will begin at 7:30 p.m. in the church. Visit bit.ly/smcsspaley to register.



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EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL PORTAL IS LIVE



We are excited to announce that the Eucharistic Revival portal is now live on the Saint Matthew website! Visit bit.ly/smceucharist to learn more about the Year of Eucharistic Revival, learn

more about upcoming Eucharistic Revival events at Saint Matthew, and to refocus your heart on this fundamental truth of our faith.

CURSILLO MOVEMENT

There is a movement in the Diocese of Nashville that is intended to help Catholics develop an understanding of what it means to lead a fully Christian life. Cursillo focuses on building a deeper relationship with God and living out the call to Christian leadership. The weekend will include talks, group discussions, personal reflection time, and Sacraments, all designed to help you grow in your faith and discern your place in life and role in the Church. This is a great way to make true friends by sharing the experience with Catholics from Saint Matthew and other parishes in the diocese. Cursillo is an adventure for adults to rediscover being Catholic and explore how you can bring your faith to your daily life. It is a spiritual resurrection, and you are invited to experience it for yourself! The men's retreat will take place on September 28-October 1, and the women's from October 5-8. To learn more and register for an upcoming retreat, visit www.nashvillecursillo.com.

JOIN THE A/V MINISTRY

Our A/V Ministry is seeking volunteers to assist with running the livestreams at our daily and weekend Masses. Our daily Mass livestreams are viewed not only by local and homebound parishioners, but also by viewers around the country. This ministry helps us expand our reach and help those across the country deepen their Catholic faith. To join, please contact Kirk Jordan at kirkjordan@comcast.net.

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Follow Saint Matthew to deepen your Catholic faith on your favorite social media platform! Find us on Facebook, Instagram and YouTube to keep up with everything happening here on Sneed Road.

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JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST!

Stay up to date with the latest news and information from Saint Matthew! Join our email list today to receive our newsletters, updates on upcoming events, and more. To sign up, visit bit.ly/smcemailsignup.

FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK - SEPTEMBER 17



PADRE PIO: MIRACLE MAN

This movie captures the Capuchin friar's intense faith, devotion, and deep spiritual concern for others, as well as his great compassion for the sick and suffering. It reveals the amazing details and events in Padre Pio's life as a boy and throughout his fifty years as a friar, dramatizing the frequent attacks from the devil, as well as the persecution he suffered at the hands of people, including those in the Church.

To watch this title and many more like it, visit FORMED.org and sign up using our parish zip code (37069).

COMMUNITY NEWS

JUNIOR IRISH NIGHT AT FATHER RYAN

All grade-school children are invited to Junior Irish Night on Friday, September 29 from 5-7 p.m. at Father Ryan. There will be swag bags, carnival and lawn games, a DJ, and more! Line up with the student body and the marching band to lead the team onto the field! All Junior Irish receive a free ticket to the football game that night, with kickoff at 7 p.m. Junior Irish Night Registration is required - go to www.fatherryan.org/admissions/junior-irish.

NASHVILLE CATHOLIC WRESTLING

Nashville Catholic Wrestling (NCW) is open to all boys K-8. Middle School parents will meet for info on Monday, September 25 at 5:30 p.m., with first practice Monday, October 16. All activities will be in the Coach Simpson Wrestling Facility at Father Ryan. No experience necessary, and all boys are encouraged to give it a try. Details and information can be found at www.nashvillecatholicwrestling.com.

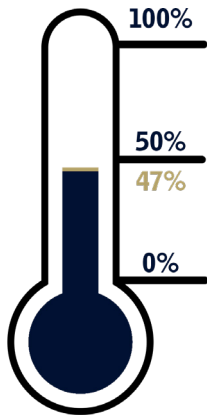
REGNUM CHRIST WOMEN'S RETREAT

Regnum Christi Nashville is hosting a half-day retreat for all women at St. Ann Catholic Church on Saturday, October 7. Childcare will be offered, but space is limited so please register soon. Come and enjoy a spiritual meditation by Kathleen Alman CRC, music by Colleen McKenna, a champagne brunch and more, all following the 8 a.m. Mass and an opportunity for confessions. To register please visit www.rcnashvilletn.org.

NCBWL PEARLS OF WISDOM 2023

Tickets are on sale now for the 2023 Pearls of Wisdom gala, hosted by the Nashville Catholic Business Women's League. Funds raised during this event support the Aurelia Varallo Mariani Scholarship Fund, which provides tuition assistance for one young woman at each of the three Catholic high schools. The event will take place on Friday, Oct. 6 at Richland Country Club. www.ncbwl.org.

THE BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL FOR MINISTRIES: MORE THAN \$56,000 RAISED!



Thanks to your generous support, Saint Matthew has already raised more than \$56,000 in this year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries*! Our goal for this year's appeal is \$118,390. We are currently at 47% of that goal with a total of \$56,110.

Your generosity supports ministries and services that carry forth the Bishop's mission and vision, including adult and youth catechesis, support for clergy, sacramental marriage, life at all stages, robust Catholic schools and much more.

If you have already donated, we appreciate your contribution! If not, scan the QR code below to make your gift today.



THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who supported last year's *Bishop's Annual Appeal for Ministries* and helped deliver essential ministries throughout Middle Tennessee, including Faith Formation, Youth and Young Adult Ministry, Seminarian Education, Catholic Charities, and so much more! To make your 2023 gift, visit dioceseofnashville.com/appeal or text "BISHOP" to 615-552-1101. Thank you!

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TO MAKE
A GIFT



TONY'S REFLECTION

THE IMPORTANCE OF CATECHISTS

This Sunday, the Church celebrates the important role of the catechist. Recognizing the crucial job of catechists, Pope Francis established the role of catechist as a lay ministry in 2021. In his writing, the Pope traced the ancient service of catechesis back to St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, where the apostle refers to "teachers" who play a prominent role in the Church's mission to save souls.

A catechist is tasked with forming the intellect of young minds with a curious demeanor. Helping shape the intellect is no small matter for when the mind grasps the faith, the faith will necessarily begin to take off. As St. Paul announced, "Be transformed by the renewal of your mind" (Romans 12:2, cf. CCC 74). The prophet Hosea made it clear that the reason people are spiritually broke is because they have no knowledge of God. "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because you have rejected knowledge, I will also reject you" (Hosea 4:6).

In fact, that personal encounter with Christ that we all crave will happen best as one gains knowledge of Christ. As the renowned philosopher Fyodor Dostoyevsky wrote, "You cannot love what you do not know." St. Augustine's motto was that if you know the faith, you are better moved to live the faith. There exists a spiritual physics in that, once you grasp the faith, your next move is to live it. Therefore, the catechist who implants Jesus' teaching into people's minds is involved in a high-stakes mission built to positively affect others' spiritual journeys while helping their own.

It follows suit that the role of teaching the faith is vital because one of Jesus' main titles is that of "teacher." Give the Gospel stories to an atheist with a cursory view, and he'll tell you that one of Jesus' main functions was teaching.

The Greek word for "catechist" means "to echo." To serve as an echo is to repeat God's teaching so it reiterates in one's mind. Here, we come into the transmuting of minds that happens in teaching. The whole manner of teaching is that you're sharing your knowledge with inquiring minds; therefore, it behooves the teacher to make sure his or her mind is ordered toward God's teaching.

The role of a catechist is not glitzy. It is, at times challenging, and often goes without deserved recognition. But, like a workout program, the perceived aches and spiritual strains end up forming a healthy, well-crafted soul. As Jesus teaches, it is always in the selfless giving to others that we are immersed in God's graces (see Luke 6:38).

Throughout the centuries, in the absence of priests, the faith has been kept alive thanks to fathers and mothers and the army of catechists who have spent and even sacrificed their lives to transfer the faith to others. Let us give our appreciation to our catechists. Their work with our youth goes a long way in shaping the future of the Church.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

HOLY CHILD SYMPOSIUM



Holy Child Symposium
Safe Environment Strategies for Parents

Sunday, September 24
9:45-10:45 a.m.



One of our main tasks as parents is to safeguard our children in a fallen world. Led by parishioner Fran Jaeger, we will hold a symposium to discuss safe environment strategies for parents. This symposium is open to all parents and child caregivers on Sunday, September 24 from 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the parish conference center.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONFERENCE

From July 17 to 21, 2024, the Church in America will gather as one family in Indianapolis to revive our love of the Eucharist. At the National Eucharistic Congress, a large number of Catholics gather to reaffirm the Eucharist as the source and summit of our faith through worship and enlightening talks. Saint Matthew would like to send a delegation to this historical moment. If you are interested, please visit bit.ly/smcnecinterest to fill out our interest form.

MASS CLASS WITH FR. RAINES COMING SOON

Ever wonder why we do certain things at the Mass? To dive deeper into the Mass and have a greater appreciation for it Father Raines will be leading a Mass Class series this fall. The Mass Class will be a four-part series taking place from 9:45 - 10:45 am in the Parish Conference Center on the following dates: October 15th, 22nd, 29th, and November 5th. If you are interested in attending, visit bit.ly/smcmassclass to register.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, our RCIA ministry can help. RCIA will hold its social mixer on Tuesday, September 19 to welcome all of our potential candidates. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, visit bit.ly/smcrcia24 to learn more.

YOUTH MINISTRY

RISE NIGHT TONIGHT!

Join us for a special Rise night this evening from 5:30-7:30 p.m. for Pizza & Praise. As always, we'll meet in the Cohan-Hansom Building for dinner and a game. See you there!

HOME SCHOOL LUNCH

This Tuesday, September 19, we're hosting our very first home school lunch hour! All high school students are welcome to join us anytime between 12 & 1:30 p.m. in the parish conference center. You bring the lunch, and we'll bring the snacks.

FALL

RETREAT 2023

KALEIDOSCOPE

- Sept. 29th - Oct. 1st
- Gasper River Retreat Center, KY
- Open to Students 8 - 12th Grade

Join us for a weekend of rappelling, zip lining (among other adventure activities), bonfires, good food, talks, small groups, and Jesus!

**REGISTER HERE**

Whether you've been to Rise before or this will be your first time with us, you are so welcome!

a 4 week Bible Study for high school students who desire more

MATTHEW 10:6

From October 16th
to November 6th

Monday Nights
7 - 8pm

Completely free

Girls will meet in
the Nursery

Guys will meet in
the Church Library



Register
here



SAVE THE DATE(S)

Don't miss these awesome opportunities to spend time with friends and encounter the faith! Save the date for these upcoming Rise events.

FOUR WEEK GUYS & GIRLS BIBLE STUDIES

MONDAYS FROM OCTOBER 16-NOVEMBER 6

7-8 P.M.

DAY OF SERVICE

NOVEMBER 5

SEARCH RETREAT

NOVEMBER 10-12

PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT (ALABAMA)

DECEMBER 2

8:15 A.M. - 8:30 P.M.



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Want to learn about the faith? Visit
<http://bit.ly/SMCFaithFormationInterestForm>



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READY TO DISCOVER THE CATHOLIC SCHOOL DIFFERENCE?

COFFEE WITH THE PRINCIPAL



Wednesday
SEPT. 20, 2023
8:00 a.m.

SMHS
Saint Matthew
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

PLEASE JOIN US!

Register online

www.stmatthewtn.org/school/admissions

Zoom and in-person options available.

